

# Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
(Insert Title) WATER ABSORBENT MATERIAL AND ABSORBENT ARTICLE USING SAME

the specification of which

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1. ☐ is attached hereto.
2. ☒ was filed on July 26, 2001 as International PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP01/06428 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications. See note B on back of this page)	(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<u>P2000-228767</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>28/07/2000</u>	
	<u>P2001-092573</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>28/03/2001</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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☐ See attached list for additional prior foreign applications

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(List Prior U.S. Applications)	(Application Serial Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)
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## NOTES

- A. 1. For declaration to be filed with original U.S. (Non-PCT) Application Papers, check box 1.
- 2. For declaration to be filed in U.S. National Phase of PCT Application (either with original national phase entry papers or subsequent to expiration of 20 or 30 month term), check box 2, and complete information.
- 3. For declaration to be filed after original U.S. (Non-PCT) Application filing date, check box 3, and complete information.
- B. Please list all non-convention foreign applications relating to the invention (and check block "no"), as well as all convention (priority) applications.
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- D. For the Inventor's "Residence", only the city and state is necessary, however the "Post Office Address" must be an address acceptable by a Post Office for delivery of mail.